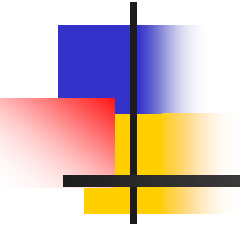


# An overview of VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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# DEH DIVISIONS

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- Land & Water Quality
- Hazardous Materials
- Food & Housing
- Community Health



# Site Assessment & Mitigation (SAM) PROGRAM GOALS

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- To protect public health, water resources and the environment from releases of hazardous chemicals
- To provide third party review of environmental reports
- To address these concerns in a cost efficient manner



# DEH-SAM

## Regulatory Oversight

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Assist the public with **planning & implementing** environmental investigation and remediation activities- [SAM Manual](#)

Review, evaluate & render opinion on:

- Phase I & Phase II reports**
- Workplans & community H/S plans**
- Results of soil & water investigations**
- Human health risk analyses**
- Corrective action plans**

Issue official **Concurrence/Closure letters** to certify that the cleanup goals have been accomplished.



# DEH-SAM

## Regulatory Process

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SAM can provide regulatory oversight through three programs:

1. Local Oversight Program (LOP)
2. Voluntary Assistance Program (VAP)
3. Monitoring Well Program



# LOCAL OVERSIGHT PROGRAM (LOP)

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- Addresses known releases from UST Systems
- Contaminants: Petroleum Hydrocarbons and related Oxygenates
- Mandated by SWRCB, Contracted DEH
- Requires close coordination with SAM PM



# VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VAP)

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- Addresses releases from various **sources** with a variety of hazardous chemicals
- Uses a local fee-for-service cost recovery
- Authority: California Health & Safety Code Sections 101480-101490
- Notification to RWQCB & DTSC according to SB 1248



# Sources of Contamination

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- Agricultural & Nursery Activities
- Industrial Facilities: dry cleaners, plating shops, metal manuf., auto repair & auto body shops, etc.
- Accidental Releases: Truck overturn, dispensing nozzles, warehouses & storage, old burn ash dump
- Drug Labs.
- Military Facilities, shooting range & mishaps
- ASTs & USTs





# VAP Applicants

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## Developers & City Redevelopment Agencies:

- Develop Agricultural Lands
- Convert Industrial/Commercial land use to Residential Use
- Expand Shopping Strip/Mall etc...

## Property Owners & Prospective Buyers:

- Property Transactions
- Construction, building additions, etc...

## Banks & Lending companies:

- Appraisals
- Title Transfer, etc...



## VAP Continued...

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- Assistance can be customized to meet the need of applicant
- Provide consultation on environmental reports, workplans, and corrective action plans
- Provide third party review to allow property transactions to be completed
- Closure letters or concurrence letters are not binding on other regulatory agencies



# VAP Timeline

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- Five days from receipt of a complete VAP application package to do the following:
  - Verify property address, APN, & assign Case No.
  - Verify property ownership
  - Obtain approval from DTSC & RWQCB
  - Assign Case to SAM Project Manager (PM)
- 30 days for the SAM PM to review and respond



## VAP Billing Procedures

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- Billing rate = \$119 per hour  
(County Fee Ordinance)
- \$238.00 is required at submittal of VAP  
Application
- Statements sent to Applicant on quarterly  
basis



## EXPEDITED VAP

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- VAP Applicant must pay one and one-half times the billing rate of a SAM PM per hour to expedite the project
- The SAM PM must work on the project outside normal working hours
- The SAM PM must respond to data within 10 working days



# **SITE DESIGNATION PROGRAM (SDP)**

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- Administered by CAL-EPA Site Designation Committee
- CAL-EPA delegates regulatory authority to appropriate agencies like DEH
- The project will be financed under VAP
- The projects will be completed to the standards of other regulatory agencies
- May communicate with RWQCB, DTSC Department of Fish & Game, US Fish and Wildlife, APCD, etc.
- Decisions made are processed through agencies involved



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